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# USEFUL INSTRUCTION,

FOR

# CHILDREN,

BY WAY OF

# QUESTION AND ANSWER.

*IN TWO PARTS.*

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TO

# PARENTS OF CHILDREN.

DEAR FRIENDS,

AS I preſent this little book to your children, it ſeems proper for me to inform you, that my firſt view, in attempting it, was for the uſe of my own children, and thoſe of the meeting whereof I am a member; but my love to all, begot in me a deſire to have it generally ſpread among the little children of our ſociety for their inſtruction.

I know there are pieces of this nature already publiſhed, that in ſeveral reſpects are greatly ſuperior to this; but to me it appeared, there wanted ſomething of this kind, as the firſt rudiment, in a familiar eaſy ſtyle, adapted to the capacities of young children; not burthened with the quotations of chapter and verſe, which I apprehend is too much for their memories to retain.

I do not pretend to conclude, this is completely planned for the purpoſe intended;

tended; but I hope you, my friends, will overlook every deficiency, and regard my motive herein, which is love and good-will unto your offspring, and a desire that they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

If this contributes to that end, it will be satisfaction to

*Your loving Friend,*

A. DARBY.

TO

TO ALL

# LITTLE CHILDREN.

DEAR CHILDREN,

I Salute you in a degree of the ſame love, wherewith our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt loveth all little children, who ſaid unto thoſe who would have hindered ſuch from coming unto him, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of ſuch is the kingdom of heaven."

I deſire you will ever keep in mind, that the Lord hath great love and regard for you, and requires of you, to love and fear him above all: and take great care of offending him in any thing, for he ſees every thing you do, hears your words, and knows your thoughts; therefore it is your duty to ſeek unto him, night and day, to preſerve you from evil; and if you thus take heed, he will bleſs you every way; and if you ſhould die in your infancy and innocence, he will admit you, with the holy angels, to live in his preſence for ever and ever. So, dear children, be willing and diligent to learn every good thing, and, above all books, love

to read the holy ſcriptures; for thereby you may underſtand how the Lord hath bleſſed, and doth bleſs, all who love and fear his holy name.

Having a great deſire for your future welfare, I have here preſented you with a little book of queſtions and anſwers, taken from the ſcriptures, which I deſire you will read and get by heart; that you may remember what the Lord hath done for you, and what he will yet do for you, if you be good children, and love him, and fear to offend him: then ſhall you be enabled to give proper anſwers to ſuch as may queſtion your knowledge in the holy ſcriptures; and grow, like Samuel, "in favour both with the Lord, and alſo with men." 1 Sam. ii. 26.

A. DARBY.

# USEFUL INSTRUCTION.

## PART I.

Queſt. 1. *WHO created thee and all mankind?*

*Anſw.* God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and of earth, and of all things that are therein. Gen. i.

Queſt. 2. *What did God create mankind for?*

*Anſw.* To glorify him. Iſa. xliii

Queſt. 3. *How muſt we glorify God?*

*Anſw.* By doing his will.

Queſt. 4. *How may we arrive at the knowledge of God's will?*

*Anſw.* By taking heed to the light of his grace and good ſpirit in our hearts, a manifeſtation whereof is given to every one for that end. 1 Cor. xii

The holy ſcriptures alſo are a ſecondary means, by which thoſe who are favoured with them, may receive the general knowledge of God's will, as they are read with a ſincere and humble mind, and with due attention to the Holy Spirit, from whence they proceeded.

Queſt. 5. *Is the manifeſtation of divine grace extended unto all men?*

*Anſw.* "The grace of God, that bringeth Titus ii.

bringeth ſalvation, hath appeared to all men; teaching us, that denying ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, we ſhould live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly in this preſent world; looking for that bleſſed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who gave himſelf for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himſelf a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Queſt. 6. *What are the ſcriptures of the Old and New Teſtament?*

2 Tim. iii. *Anſw.* The ſcriptures were written by holy men of God, as they were moved of the Holy Ghoſt, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for inſtruction in righteouſneſs, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furniſhed unto all good works; and are able to make us wiſe unto ſalvation, through faith which is in Chriſt Jeſus.

Queſt. 7. *What is contained in the ſcriptures called the Old Teſtament?*

*Anſw.* The hiſtory of the creation, the remarkable dealings of the Almighty with mankind, through many ages of the world, and the prophecies of the prophets concerning Chriſt.

Queſt. 8. *What doth Moſes relate concerning the creation?*

*Anſw.*

*Anſw.* That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the ſeas, and all things that are therein, the ſun, moon, and ſtars, the beaſts, and fowls, and creeping things, and fiſhes; by the word of his eternal power he ſpake, and they were made. Gen. i.

Queſt. 9. *When was man created?*

*Anſw.* After the heavens and the earth were created, then the Almighty made man of the duſt of the earth, and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living ſoul. Gen. ii.

Queſt. 10. *Where did the Almighty place him?*

*Anſw.* In the garden of Eden. Gen. ii.

Queſt. 11. *Did he give man dominion over the animal creation?*

*Anſw.* Yes; the Lord gave him dominion over the fiſh of the ſea, over the fowls of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Gen. i.

Queſt. 12. *What was the commandment which the Lord gave as a trial of his obedience?*

*Anſw.* "The Lord God commanded the man, ſaying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayeſt freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou ſhalt not eat; for in the day thou eateſt thereof, thou ſhalt ſurely die." Gen. ii.

Queſt. 13. *How was woman created?*

*Anſw.*

*Anſw.* The Lord ſaid, It is not good for man to be alone, I will make him a help-meet. And the Lord cauſed a deep ſleep to fall on Adam, and he took one of his ribs, and the rib made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Queſt. 14. *How came they to loſe that happy ſtate in which they were created?*

Gen. iii. *Anſw.* By their diſobedience, in eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, which God had forbidden.

Queſt. 15. *What did the Almighty inflict on Adam and Eve for their diſobedience to his command?*

*Anſw.* He drove them from that place of happineſs, and they fell under ſorrow and trouble.

Queſt. 16. *How did they die by their tranſgreſſion?*

*Anſw.* A ſpiritual death to innocency and happineſs came over them.

Queſt. 17. *How were they again to be made alive?*

1 Cor. xv *Anſw.* Through Chriſt their Redeemer.

Queſt. 18. *Who was Adam and Eve's firſt ſon?*

Gen. iv. *Anſw.* Cain, who was a tiller of the ground.

Queſt. 19. *Who was their ſecond?*

Gen. iv. *Anſw.* Abel, who was a keeper of ſheep.

Queſt.

Queſt. 20. *Why did Cain ſlay Abel his brother?*

*Anſw.* From envy; becauſe the Lord had more reſpect to Abel and his offering, than to Cain.

Queſt. 21. *Why was Abel's offering more acceptable than Cain's?*

*Anſw.* Becauſe, by faith Abel offered a more excellent ſacrifice than Cain. Heb. xi.

Queſt. 22. *What was Cain's puniſhment for this evil deed?*

*Anſw.* The curſe of the Lord; Cain being made a fugitive and vagabond in the earth. Gen. iv.

Queſt. 23. *Who walked before the Almighty, to pleaſe him ſo, that the Lord took him, and he ſaw not death?*

*Anſw.* Enoch. Gen. v. Heb. xi.

Queſt. 24. *Who was the oldeſt man?*

*Anſw.* Methuſelah, who lived nine hundred and ſixty-nine years.

Queſt. 25. *What moved God to deſtroy mankind by a flood?*

*Anſw.* The wickedneſs of mankind. Gen. vi.

Queſt. 26. *Who among them found favour in the eyes of the Lord, and was ſaved from this general deſtruction?*

*Anſw.* Noah and his family, for he was a juſt man, and perfect in his generation.

Queſt. 27. *How were they ſaved?*

*Anſw.* In an ark, which the Lord ordered

ordered Noah to build for that purpoſe.

Queſt. 28. *How many were ſaved in the ark?*

Gen. vii. *Anſw.* Eight perſons, with an appointed number of beaſts and fowls, and creeping things.

Queſt. 29. *Did the Lord make a covenant with man, that he would not again deſtroy the world with water?*

Gen. ix. *Anſw.* Yes; and appointed his bow in the clouds a token thereof.

Queſt. 30. *Who was called the faithful man?*

Gal. iii. *Anſw.* Abram.

Queſt. 31. *How was his faithfulneſs manifeſted?*

Gen xxii *Anſw.* By truſting in the Divine promiſes, and yielding obedience to the Lord's requirings.

Queſt. 32. *What was the teſtimony of the Lord concerning Abraham?*

Geneſis xviii. *Anſw.* "I know him, that he will command his children and his houſhold after him, and they ſhall keep the way of the Lord, to do juſtice and judgment."

Queſt. 33. *What was the encouragement given him of God?*

Gen. xv. *Anſw.* "Fear not Abraham, I am thy ſhield, and thy exceeding great reward."

Queſt. 34. *Who was Abraham's ſon?*

Geneſis xxiv. *Anſw.* Iſaac, a good man, who meditated upon the Lord.

Queſt.

Queſt. 35. *Who were Iſaac's ſons?*

*Anſw.* Eſau and Jacob. Gen xxv

Queſt. 36. *What was the covenant which Jacob made with the Lord on his journey?*

*Anſw.* "If God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, and will keep me ſo that I come again unto my father's houſe in peace, then ſhall the Lord be my God." Geneſis xxviii.

Queſt. 37. *What was the Lord's gracious promiſe unto Jacob?*

*Anſw.* "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Iſaac, and behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goeſt, and will bring thee again into this land."

Queſt. 38. *How many ſons had Jacob?*

*Anſw.* Twelve; of whom came the twelve tribes of Iſrael. Gen. xlii

Queſt. 39. *Who was ſold into Egypt by his brethren?*

*Anſw.* Joſeph, one of the ſons of Jacob. Geneſis xxxvii.

Queſt. 40. *What was the ſaying of Joſeph, when he was enticed to evil?*

*Anſw.* How can I do this evil and ſin againſt the Lord? Geneſis xxxix.

Queſt. 41. *Did the Lord bleſs him, and deliver him out of his troubles?*

Gen. xlv *Anſw.* Yes; the Lord in whom he truſted, preſerved him, and he became ruler over the land of Egypt, and ſent for his father and brethren to dwell with him.

Queſt. 42. *Who was the meekeſt man?*

Heb. xi. *Anſw.* Moſes, who choſe rather to ſuffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleaſures of ſin for a ſeaſon.

Queſt. 43. *What did he do?*

Exod xii *Anſw.* By the command of the Almighty, he led the children of Iſrael out of Egypt, where they were grievouſly oppreſſed.

Queſt. 44. *Did Pharaoh, king of Egypt, willingly let the people go?*

*Anſw.* Not until the Almighty ſent his plagues upon the land.

Queſt. 45. *Did he then conſent to their departure?*

Exodus xiv. *Anſw.* Yes; but his heart being hardened, he afterwards followed them with all his hoſt.

Queſt. 46. *What did they do in this diſtreſs?*

*Anſw.* Moſes cried unto the Lord, and he divided the red ſea, ſo that they paſſed through as on dry ground.

Queſt. 47. *What became of Pharaoh and his hoſt?*

*Anſw.* They followed the Iſraelites into

into the ſea, and the Lord cauſed the waters to return on their enemies, and they were all drowned.

Queſt. 48. *How did the Iſraelites expreſs their thankfulneſs unto the Lord for this great deliverance?*

*Anſw.* Moſes and the people ſung a ſong of praiſe, as did alſo Miriam the propheteſs. Exod. xv

Queſt. 49. *But did they continue in obedience to the Lord?*

*Anſw.* No; they were a rebellious and ungrateful people, and oft forgot the Lord their redeemer, notwithſtanding he wrought many miracles for them, fed them with manna from heaven, and gave them water out of the rock. Pſalm lxxviii.

Queſt. 50. *Where did the Almighty deliver the law and commandments unto his people Iſrael?*

*Anſw.* On Mount Sinai, by the hand of his ſervant Moſes. Exodus xxiv

Queſt. 51. *What where the commandments which God gave to them?*

*Anſw.* God ſpake theſe words, ſaying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the houſe of bondage. Exod. xx

1. Thou ſhalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeneſs of

any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou ſhalt not bow down thyſelf to them, nor ſerve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and ſhewing mercy unto thouſands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

3. Thou ſhalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltleſs that taketh his name in vain.

4. Remember the ſabbath-day, to keep it holy; ſix days ſhalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the ſeventh day is the ſabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou ſhalt not do any work, thou, nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thy cattle, nor the ſtranger that is within thy gates: for in ſix days the Lord made heaven and earth, the ſea, and all that in them is, and reſted the ſeventh day; wherefore the Lord bleſſed the ſeventh day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou

6. Thou ſhalt not kill.
7. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou ſhalt not ſteal.
9. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour.
10. Thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-ſervant, nor his maid-ſervant, nor his ox, nor his aſs, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Queſt. 52. *What did Moſes ſay to the children of Iſrael, concerning their keeping the commandments of the Lord?*

*Anſw.* And now Iſrael, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to ſerve the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul; to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his ſtatutes, which I command thee this day for thy good. Deut. x.

Queſt. 53. *How doth he ſet forth the conſequence of obedience or diſobedience?*

*Anſw.* Behold I ſet before you this day a bleſſing and a curſe; a bleſſing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and a curſe, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God. Deut. xi

Queſt. 54. *How long did Moſes live?*

Deut. xxxiv. *Anſw.* An hundred and twenty years; yet notwithſtanding his great age, his eyes were not dim, nor his natural ſtrength abated.

Queſt. 55. *Who was judge in Iſrael after Moſes?*

Joſh. i. *Anſw.* Joſhua.

Queſt. 56. *What was his holy reſolution?*

Joſhua xxiv. *Anſw.* Let others do what they will, as for me and my houſe, we will ſerve the Lord.

Queſt. 57. *What great actions did he perform?*

Joſh. xii *Anſw.* He fought the Lord's battles, and brought Iſrael into the promiſed land.

Queſt. 58. *What became of the people of Iſrael after the death of Joſhua?*

Judg. ii *Anſw.* They forſook the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down unto ſtrange gods, and the Lord forſook them, ſo that they could no longer ſtand before their enemies.

Queſt. 59. *Had not the Lord compaſſion on them when they repented?*

Judg. iv *Anſw.* Yes; and delivered them from their enemies.

Queſt. 60. *Who was made inſtrumental in that work?*

*Anſw.*

*Anſw.* Deborah, the propheteſs, who alſo judged in Iſrael.

Queſt. 61. *Who was the ſtrongeſt man?*

*Anſw.* Sampſon.

Queſt. 62. *What did he do?*

*Anſw.* He ſlew a lion, he carried the gates of a city up a hill, and ſlew a thouſand Philiſtians with the jaw-bone of an aſs.

Queſt. 63. *Who was dedicated unto the Lord by his mother?*

*Anſw.* Samuel, who became a prophet of the Lord. 1 Kings i

Queſt. 64. *Who was the firſt king of Iſrael?*

*Anſw.* Saul. 1 Sam. x

Queſt. 65. *Why was Saul rejected of God?*

*Anſw.* Becauſe he diſobeyed the command of the Lord. 1 Sam. xiii.

Queſt. 66. *Whom did God chooſe to reign over Iſrael in his ſtead?*

*Anſw.* David, whom the Lord raiſed from a ſhepherd to be king of Iſrael. 1 Sam. xvi.

Queſt. 67. *What memorable actions did he perform when but a youth?*

*Anſw.* By the help of the Almighty he killed a lion and a bear, and ſlew Goliath, the champion of the Philiſtines, who defied the armies of the living God. 1 Sam. xviii.

Queſt. 68. *But did not David afterwards fall into temptation?*

*Anſw.*

*Anſw.* Yes, and committed groſs evil; but he repented from his heart, and the Lord forgave him.

Queſt. 69. *Who was the wiſeſt man?*

*Anſw.* Solomon, David's ſon.

Queſt. 70. *What did he requeſt of the Lord?*

1 Kings iii. *Anſw.* Neither riches nor honour, but an underſtanding heart to do juſtice and judgment.

Queſt. 71. *How did the Lord anſwer his requeſt?*

*Anſw.* He gave him underſtanding to diſcern judgment, and becauſe he had preferred wiſdom, he rewarded him alſo with riches and honour, though he ſought them not.

Queſt. 72. *Who was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot?*

1 Kings xvii. *Anſw.* Elijah a prophet of the Lord, by whom he wrought many miracles, and in the time of famine cauſed the ravens to bring him food, morning and evening.

Queſt. 73. *What is recorded of Hezekiah king of Judah?*

Iſaiah xxxviii. *Anſw.* That he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments; wherefore the Lord was with him, and he proſpered whitherſoever he went.

Queſt.

Queſt. 74. *What was his appeal unto the Lord in his ſickneſs?*

*Anſw.* "I beſeech thee, O Lord, remember how I have walked before thee in truth, and with an upright heart, and have done that which was good in thy ſight. Which the Lord accepted, and added to his days fifteen years." 2 Kings xx.

Queſt. 75. *What is written of Joſiah, king of Judah?*

*Anſw.* That he did that which was right in the ſight of the Lord, and while he was yet young, he began to ſeek after the God of his father David. 2 Kings xxii.

Queſt. 76. *How did he ſhew his zeal for the Lord?*

*Anſw.* He brake down the altars of Baalim, and the images that were in high places, and ſent unto Huldah the propheteſs, to inquire concerning the law of the Lord. 2 Kings xxiii.

Queſt. 77. *Who wrote the book of Proverbs?*

*Anſw.* King Solomon.

Queſt. 78. *What doth he ſay is the beginning of wiſdom?*

*Anſw.* "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wiſdom: and the knowledge of the holy is underſtanding." Prov. ix.

Queſt. 79. *What doth he obſerve concerning prayer?*

*Anſw.* "The ſacrifice of the wicked is Prov. xv

is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is his delight."

Queſt. 80. *What doth he ſay of the proud?*

Prov xvi *Anſw.* "Every one that is proud in heart, is an abomination unto the Lord."

Queſt. 81. *What advice doth he give children reſpecting their parents?*

Prov. i. *Anſw.* "My ſon, hear the inſtruction of thy father, and forſake not the law of thy mother; for they ſhall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck."

Queſt. 82. *What doth he ſay of thoſe parents, who correct not children if they deſerve it?*

Prov. xii *Anſw.* "He that ſpareth the rod, hateth his ſon; but he that loveth him, chaſteneth him betimes.

The rod and reproof bring wiſdom, but a child left to himſelf, bringeth his mother to ſhame."

Queſt. 83. *How doth he adviſe againſt anger?*

Eccl. vii *Anſw.* "Be not haſty in thy ſpirit to be angry, for anger reſteth in the boſom of fools."

Queſt. 84. *What other advice doth he give to young people?*

Eccl. xii *Anſw.* "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when

when thou ſhalt ſay, I have no pleaſure in them."

Queſt. 85. *Whom doth the Pſalmiſt pronounce bleſſed?*

*Anſw.* "Bleſſed are they that keep judgment, and he that doth righteouſneſs at all times." Pſal. cvi

"Bleſſed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Pſal cxix

"Bleſſed are they that keep his teſtimonies, and that ſeek him with the whole heart."

Queſt. 86. *What doth he ſay will be the end of the upright?*

*Anſw.* "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." Pſalm xxxvii.

Queſt. 87. *How doth he ſet forth the Lord's care over thoſe that fear him?*

*Anſw.* "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Pſal cxlv

He will fulfil the deſire of them that fear him, he will alſo hear their cry, and will ſave them."

Queſt. 88. *What ſaith he concerning the word of God?*

*Anſw.* "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Pſal cxix

Thy word is very pure, therefore thy ſervant loveth it."

Queſt.

Queſt. 89. *How doth he pray for the continued aſſiſtance of the Holy Spirit?*

Pſal. li. *Anſw.* "Caſt me not away from thy preſence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Reſtore unto me the joy of thy ſalvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach tranſgreſſors thy ways, and ſinners ſhall be converted unto thee."

Queſt. 90. *What ſaith he of thoſe that relieve the poor?*

Pſal. xli *Anſw.* "Bleſſed is he that conſidereth the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preſerve him, and keep him alive, and he ſhall be bleſſed upon the earth."

Queſt. 91. *Who was Iſaiah?*

*Anſw.* One of the Lord's prophets, who lived in the days of Hezekiah, and propheſied of Chriſt above ſeven hundred years before his birth.

Queſt. 92. *Recite ſome of his moſt remarkable prophecies concerning our Saviour.*

Iſa. vii. *Anſw.* "Behold a virgin ſhall conceive, and ſhall bring forth a ſon, and ſhall call his name Emanuel."

Iſa. ix. "The people that walked in darkneſs have ſeen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the ſhadow of death, upon them has the light ſhined."

For

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a ſon is given, and the government ſhall be upon his ſhoulder; and his name ſhall be called Wonderful, Counſellor, the Mighty God, the Everlaſting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Queſt. 93. *What ſaith he of the miracles of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* "Then the eyes of the blind ſhall be opened, and the ears of the deaf ſhall be unſtopped. Iſa. xxxv

Then ſhall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb ſhall ſing."

Queſt. 94. *How doth he propheſy of the ſufferings and death of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* "He is deſpiſed and rejected of men, a man of ſorrows, and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was deſpiſed, and we eſteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our ſorrows, yet did we eſteem him ſtricken, ſmitten of God and afflicted; but he was wounded for our tranſgreſſions, he was bruiſed for our iniquities; the chaſtiſement of our peace was upon him, and with his ſtripes are we healed. Iſa. liii.

All we, like ſheep, have gone aſtray, we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppreſſed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the ſlaughter, and as a ſheep before her ſhearers is dumb, ſo he openeth not his mouth."

Queſt. 95. *How doth the prophet encourage us to wait upon the Lord?*

Iſa. lx. *Anſw.* "Haſt thou not known? Haſt thou not heard, that the everlaſting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no ſearching of his underſtanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, he increaſeth ſtrength.

Even the youth ſhall be weary, and the young men ſhall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord ſhall renew their ſtrength, they ſhall mount up with wings as eagles, the ſhall run and not be weary, and they ſhall walk and not faint."

Queſt. 96. *What doth he promiſe in the name of the Lord, unto thoſe that are of an humble and contrite ſpirit?*

Iſa. lvii. *Anſw.* "Thus ſaith the high and lofty One, that inhabiteth eternity, whoſe name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him alſo that is of a contrite and humble ſpirit, to revive the ſpirt of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Queſt.

Queſt. 97. *What doth he ſay is the effect of righteouſneſs?*

*Anſw.* "The work of righteouſneſs ſhall be peace, and the effect of righteouſneſs, quietneſs and aſſurance for ever." Iſa xxxii

Queſt. 98. *What doth he ſay in the name of the Lord, unto thoſe that do righteouſneſs?*

*Anſw.* "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteouſneſs, the people in whoſe heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings, for the moth ſhall eat them up like a garment, and the worm ſhall eat them like wool; but my righteouſneſs ſhall be for ever, and my ſalvation from generation to generation." Iſa. li.

Queſt. 99. *How doth the prophet Jeremiah propheſy of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* "Behold the days come, ſaith the Lord, that I will raiſe unto David a righteous branch, and a king ſhall reign and proſper, and ſhall execute judgment and juſtice in the earth. Jer. xxiii

In his days Judah ſhall be ſaved, and Iſrael ſhall dwell ſafely; and this is his name whereby he ſhall be called, The Lord our Righteouſneſs."

Queſt. 100. *How doth he ſet forth the greatneſs of God?*

*Anſw.* "But the Lord is the true Jer. x.

God, he is the living God, and an everlaſting king; at his wrath the earth ſhall tremble, and the nations ſhall not be able to abide his indignation.

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath eſtabliſhed the world by his wiſdom, and hath ſtretched out the heavens by his diſcretion."

Queſt. 101. *In what only doth he ſay, we are to glory?*

Jer. ix. *Anſw.* "Thus ſaith the Lord, Let not the wiſe man glory in his wiſdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth, glory in this, That he underſtandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exerciſe loving-kindneſs, judgment and righteouſneſs in the earth; for in theſe things I delight, ſaith the Lord."

Queſt. 102. *Where did the prophet Micah ſay, Chriſt ſhould be born?*

Mic. v. *Anſw.* "And thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little amongſt the thouſands of Judah, yet out of thee ſhall he come forth unto me, that is to be ruler in Iſrael, whoſe goings forth have been from of old, from everlaſting."

Queſt. 103. *Who was caſt into the den of lions?*

Dan. vi. *Anſw.* Daniel, another of the Lord's prophets,

prophets, becauſe he worſhipped the true God.

Queſt. 104. *Was he delivered from the lions?*

*Anſw.* Yes; the Lord ſhut up the lions' mouths that they hurt him not, and king Darius had him taken out, and the king confeſſed unto the power of the Lord, and promoted Daniel to great honour.

Queſt. 105. *Who were caſt into the fiery furnace?*

*Anſw.* Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abed-nego, becauſe they would not bow down to worſhip the golden image which Nebuchadnezzer had ſet up. Dan. iii.

Queſt. 106. *Did the Lord in whom they truſted deliver them?*

*Anſw.* Yes; he ſent his angel, who walked with them in the midſt of the fire, and upon their bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head ſinged, neither were their coats changed, nor had the ſmell of fire paſſed on them.

Thus have we, from theſe wonderful inſtances of the Lord's goodneſs unto his people, great reaſon to truſt in him who hath preſerved the faithful in all ages of the world, and is the ſame to day, yeſterday, and for ever, to all who fear his holy name.

# USEFUL INSTRUCTION.

## PART II.

Queſt. 1. *WHAT do the ſcriptures of the New-Teſtament declare concerning our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt?*

John i. *Anſw.* "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt amongſt us, and we beheld his glory as the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Queſt. 2. *How was our Saviour manifeſted in the fleſh?*

Mat. i. *Anſw.* "Now the birth of Jeſus Chriſt was on this wiſe; when as his mother Mary was eſpouſed to Joſeph, ſhe was found with child of the Holy Ghoſt."

Queſt. 3. *What wonders attended the birth of Chriſt?*

Luke ii. *Anſw.* The angel made his birth known to ſhepherds in the field by night, ſaying, "Fear not, for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which ſhall be to all people, for unto you is born

born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Chriſt the Lord; and this ſhall be a ſign unto you, Ye ſhall find the babe wrapped in ſwaddling clothes lying in a manger. And ſuddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hoſt, praiſing God, and ſaying, Glory to God in the higheſt, and on earth peace, good-will towards men."

Queſt. 4. *Did the ſhepherds go to ſee him?*

*Anſw.* Yes; they went and found the Lord of life and glory lying in a manger, there being no room for him in the inn, although Lord of all.

Queſt. 5. *Did others alſo come to ſeek him out?*

*Anſw.* Yes; wiſe men came from the eaſt to Jeruſalem, ſaying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have ſeen his ſtar in the eaſt, and are come to worſhip him."

Queſt. 6. *Was not Herod and the chief prieſt troubled at this?*

*Anſw.* Yes; and deſired the wiſe men, when they had found him, to let them know. Mat. ii.

Queſt. 7. *Did they acquaint Herod when they had found him?*

*Anſw.* No; after they had worſhipped him, and offered their gifts, being warned

warned of God in a dream, they returned into their own country another way.

Queſt. 8. *What did Herod then?*

*Anſw.* He ſlew all the children in thoſe parts, from two years old and under, thinking to deſtory our Saviour.

Queſt. 9. *How did he miſs of his intended purpoſe?*

*Anſw.* The angel appeared unto Joſeph, the betrothed huſband of Mary, to warn him, and he took the young child and his mother by night, and fled into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod.

Queſt. 10. *Who teſtified of Chriſt, when, being a child, he was brought into the temple?*

Luke ii. *Anſw.* "Simeon, a juſt and devout man, who waited for the conſolation of Iſrael. Alſo Anna the propheteſs, who gave thanks unto the Lord, and ſpake of him to all them who looked for redemption in Jeruſalem."

Queſt. 11. *What was the teſtimony of Simeon reſpecting Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* "Lord! now letteſt thou thy ſervant depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation, which thou haſt prepared before the face of all people: a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Iſrael."

Queſt.

Queſt. 12. *When did Chriſt enter on his public miniſtry?*

*Anſw.* When he was about thirty years old. Mark i.

Queſt. 13. *Who was the meſſenger ſent before him?*

*Anſw.* John the Baptiſt, who cried in the wilderneſs, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths ſtraight." And ſeeing Jeſus coming unto him, he ſaid, "Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the ſin of the world." John i.

Queſt. 14. *How did John declare that he knew Jeſus to be the Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* John bare record ſaying, "I ſaw the ſpirit deſcending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him, and I knew him not; but he that ſent me to baptize with water, the ſame ſaid unto me, Upon whom thou ſhalt ſee the Spirit deſcending and remaining upon him, the ſame is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghoſt. And I ſaw, and bare record, that this is the Son of God."

Queſt. 15. *What ſaid Chriſt of himſelf?*

*Anſw.* "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me ſhall not walk in darkneſs, but ſhall have the light of life." John viii.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." John xiv.

"I am the bread of life; he that cometh John vi.

cometh to me ſhall never hunger, and he that believeth on me ſhall never thirſt."

John xi. "I am the reſurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet ſhall ye live; whoſoever liveth and believeth in me ſhall never die."

John x. He alſo calls himſelf the "Good Shepherd," who leads his ſheep into green paſtures of life.

And the "Door into the ſheepfold," by which we muſt enter into life.

John xv. And the "True Vine, and we the branches," if we abide in him.

Queſt. 16. *What doth our Saviour ſay, is the firſt and great commandment?*

Mat xxii *Anſw.* "Thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy ſoul, and with all thy ſtrength."

Queſt. 17. *And what the ſecond?*

*Anſw.* "Thou ſhalt love thy neighbour as thyſelf."

Queſt. 18. *Who is our neighbour that we muſt love?*

*Anſw.* We are to love all men, and help every one in diſtreſs to the beſt of our ability; ſo all men are to be conſidered as our neighbours.

Queſt. 19. *Muſt we love our enemies?*

Mat. v. *Anſw.* Yes; Chriſt ſays, "Love your enemies, bleſs them that curſe you, do good to them that hate you, and pray

pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven, who causeth his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Quest. 20. *How doth he further forbid us to resent injuries?*

*Answ.* "Resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Quest. 21. *What other rule did Christ give for our conduct towards men?*

*Answ.* "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." Mat. vii.

Quest. 22. *Whom doth our Lord pronounce blessed?*

*Answ.* "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Mat. v.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed

Bleſſed are the pure in heart, for they ſhall ſee God.

Bleſſed are the peace-makers, for they ſhall be called the children of God.

Bleſſed are they which are perſecuted for righteouſneſs ſake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,

Bleſſed are ye when men ſhall revile you, and perſecute you, and ſay all manner of evil of you falſely for my name's ſake: rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven: for ſo perſecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Queſt. 23. *How doth he teach us to worſhip the Almighty?*

John iv. *Anſw.* "God is a Spirit, and they that worſhip him, muſt worſhip him in ſpirit and in truth."

Queſt. 24. *Doth he bid us watch and pray?*

Mark xiii. *Anſw.* Yes; he ſaith, "What I ſay unto you, I ſay unto all, Watch;" watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

Queſt. 25. *How are we encouraged to pray?*

Mat. vii. *Anſw.* "Seek, and ye ſhall find; knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you; aſk, and ye ſhall receive."

Queſt. 26. *How are we to pray?*

*Anſw.* By the aſſiſtance of the Holy Spirit

Spirit influencing our underſtandings with a ſenſe of our neceſſities.

Queſt. 27. *Did our Saviour ſet his diſciples an example how to pray?*

*Anſw.* Yes, after this manner; "Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive thoſe who treſpaſs againſt us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen." Mat. vi

Queſt 28. *Did our Lord take notice of little children?*

*Anſw.* Yes; for when they brought young children to him, and his diſciples rebuked thoſe that brought them, Jeſus ſeeing it, was much diſpleaſed, and ſaid unto them, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of ſuch is the kingdom of God. Verily, I ſay unto you, whoſoever ſhall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he ſhall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, and put his hands upon them, and bleſſed them." Mark x.

Queſt. 29. *How are we to underſtand this ſaying of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* That all men and women muſt come to witneſs freedom from ſin, and be reſtored into the ſtate of innocency like little children, before they can be admitted into the kingdom of heaven.

Queſt 30. *Doth Chriſt charge his diſciples to love one another?*

John xiii *Anſw.* Yes; he ſaith, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another."

Queſt. 31. *Doth Chriſt forbid all ſwearing?*

Mat. v. *Anſw.* Yes; in theſe words, "I ſay unto you, Swear not at all; but let your communication be yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatſoever is more than theſe, cometh of evil."

Queſt. 32. *What further did Chriſt require of his diſciples?*

Luke ix. *Anſw.* "If any man will come after me, let him deny himſelf, take up his croſs, and follow me."

Queſt. 33. *What are we to deny ourſelves of?*

*Anſw.* Of all evil thoughts, words, and actions.

Queſt. 34. *Are we to confeſs his name before all men?*

Mat. x. *Anſw.* Yes; he ſaith, "Whoſoever ſhall confeſs me before men, him will I alſo confeſs before my Father which is in heaven.

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But whoſoever ſhall deny me before men, him will I alſo deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Queſt. 35. *How doth he adviſe againſt the fear of men?*

*Anſw.* "I ſay unto you, my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do; but I will forewarn you, whom ye ſhall fear: fear him which, after he hath killed, hath power to caſt into hell; yea, I ſay unto you, fear him." Luke xii.

Queſt. 36. *What did Chriſt ſay was the cauſe of people's condemnation?*

*Anſw.* "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkneſs rather than light, becauſe their deeds were evil." John iii.

Queſt. 37. *Why do evil men reject this light?*

*Anſw.* "Every one that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh he unto the light, leſt his deeds ſhould be reproved."

Queſt. 38. *Do good men regard this light?*

*Anſw.* "He that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifeſt, whether they are wrought in God."

Queſt. 39. *What doth Chriſt ſay concerning covetouſneſs?*

Luke xii *Anſw.* "Take heed and beware of covetouſneſs, for a man's life conſiſteth not in the abundance of the things which he poſſeſſeth.

Mat. vi. Lay not up for yourſelves treaſures upon earth, where moth and ruſt doth corrupt, and thieves break through and ſteal; but lay up for yourſelves treaſure in heaven, where neither moth nor ruſt doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor ſteal."

Queſt. 40. *What was his anſwer to thoſe that inquired of him, if it were lawful to pay tribute unto Cæſar?*

Mat xxii *Anſw.* "Render unto Cæſar the things which are Cæſar's, and unto God the things which are God's."

Queſt. 41. *Did our Saviour do many miracles?*

Mat xiii. *Anſw.* Yes; he cauſed the blind to ſee, the lame to walk, the lepers were cleanſed, the deaf heard, the dumb ſpake, and the dead were raiſed.

Queſt. 42. *Did the Jews believe on him?*

*Anſw.* But few; for the chief prieſts and Phariſees believed not, but perſecuted him unto death.

Queſt. 43. *Why did they deſpiſe him?*

*Anſw.* Becauſe they expected the promiſed MESSIAH to come in worldly pomp

pomp and grandeur, as a temporal king.

Queſt. 44. *What did Chriſt ſay of his kingdom?*

*Anſw.* "My kingdom is not of this world." John xviii.

Queſt. 45. *Did he, notwithſtanding their hard-heartedneſs, lament over them?*

*Anſw.* Yes; he ſaid, "O Jeruſalem! Jeruſalem! thou that killeſt the prophets, and ſtoneſt them that are ſent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Mat. xxiii.

And at another time, when he came near the city, and beheld it, he wept over it, and ſaid, "If thou hadſt known, even thou, at leaſt in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes." Luke xix

Queſt. 46. *Did our Lord tell his diſciples that he muſt leave them?*

*Anſw.* Yes, as to his bodily appearance.

Queſt. 47. *Were they not ſorrowful to part with their Lord?*

*Anſw.* Yes; but he ſaid unto them, "It is expedient that I go away, but I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit John xvi & xiv.

of truth, whom the world cannot receive, becauſe it ſeeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and ſhall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortleſs, I will come unto you."

Queſt. 48. *Who betrayed our Lord?*

Mat. xxii *Anſw.* Judas, who was bribed by the Jews with thirty pieces of ſilver.

Queſt. 49. *What did our Lord ſuffer?*

Mat. xxvii. *Anſw.* He was carried before the high-prieſt, was mocked, buffeted, and ſpit upon; was condemned by Pilate, ſcourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified between two thieves.

Queſt. 50. *How did he receive this evil treatment?*

Luke xxiii. *Anſw.* Not with anger; for he prayed for his enemies, ſaying, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Queſt. 51. *Were there wonderful appearances at his death?*

*Anſw.* Yes; the ſun was darkened, ſo that darkneſs was over the land for three hours, and the veil of the temple was rent aſunder.

Queſt. 52. *When did he riſe from the dead?*

Mark xvi. *Anſw.* On the third day, and appeared

peared firſt to Mary Magdalen, then to all his diſciples.

Queſt. 53. *When did he aſcend into heaven?*

*Anſw.* After forty days. Acts i.

Queſt. 54. *Did not Chriſt command his diſciples to wait at Jeruſalem for the promiſe of the Father?*

*Anſw.* Yes; which promiſe was the Holy Spirit, or Chriſt himſelf in his ſpiritual appearance, who was to lead them into all truth.

Queſt. 55. *After what manner did they witneſs the accompliſhment of this gracious promiſe?*

*Anſw.* When they were all met together with one accord, the Holy Ghoſt deſcended upon them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and ſpake as it gave them utterance. Acts ii.

Queſt. 56. *What was the commiſſion our Lord gave to his diſciples?*

*Anſw.* "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt." Mat. xxviii.

Queſt. 57. *Was this meant of water-baptiſm?*

*Anſw.* No, as ſaid John the Baptiſt: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, he ſhall baptize you Mat. iii.

you with the Holy Ghoſt and with fire."

Queſt. 58. *Did not Chriſt declare the ſame concerning his baptiſm?*

Acts i. *Anſw.* Yes; "John truly baptized with water, but ye ſhall be baptized with the Holy Ghoſt."

Queſt. 59. *Did this baptiſm accompany the miniſtry of the apoſtles?*

Acts x. *Anſw.* Yes, as teſtified the apoſtle Peter; "And as I began to ſpeak, the Holy Ghoſt fell on them as on us at the beginning: then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he ſaid, John indeed baptized with water, but ye ſhall be baptized with the Holy Ghoſt."

Queſt. 60. *Is there any more than one baptiſm to remain in the Chriſtian Church?*

Eph. iv. *Anſw.* No; "One Lord, one faith, one baptiſm."

Queſt. 61. *What is the effect of this baptiſm of the Holy Spirit?*

*Anſw.* An inward waſhing of the ſoul, whereby our conſciences are cleanſed from ſin and dead works, to ſerve the living God in newneſs of life.

Queſt. 62. *What is the Lord's ſupper?*

*Anſw.* An inward and ſpiritual feeding upon Chriſt the Bread of Life, without

without partaking of which, the ſoul cannot live unto God.

Queſt. 63. *Who are they that partake of this divine food?*

*Anſw.* Such as obey the voice of Chriſt according to his promiſe; "Behold I ſtand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will ſup with him, and he with me." Rev. iii.

Queſt. 64. *What is the church of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* It is not an outward building, but is compoſed of thoſe who are ſanctified in him, and made ſubject to the leadings of his Spirit.

Queſt. 65. *Is it the duty of Chriſtians to meet together for the public worſhip of God?*

*Anſw.* Yes, as ſaith the apoſtle; "Not forgetting the aſſembling of yourſelves together as the manner of ſome is, but exhorting one another." Heb. xi.

Queſt. 66. *What has Chriſt declared concerning ſuch as are thus met together?*

*Anſw.* "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midſt of them." Mat. xviii.

Queſt. 67. *How ought true teachers to miniſter in the church of Chriſt?*

*Anſw.* "As every man hath received the gift, even ſo miniſter the ſame one 1 Pet. iv

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to another, as good ſtewards of the manifold grace of God."

Queſt. 68. *Is the miniſtry of Chriſt confined to men only? Are not women alſo called to that work?*

*Anſw.* Male and female are one in Chriſt. For this, as the apoſtle Peter declared unto the Jews, is that which was foretold by the prophet Joel;

Joel ii. "And it ſhall come to paſs in the laſt days, ſaith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all fleſh, and your ſons and your daughters ſhall propheſy."

Queſt. 69. *What is here meant by propheſying?*

*Anſw.* Not only the foretelling things to come, but chiefly a ſpeaking unto edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

Queſt. 70. *What did the apoſtle exhort miniſters unto?*

1 Pet. v. *Anſw.* To "feed the flock of Chriſt; not by conſtraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."

Queſt. 71. *Is the profeſſion of Chriſt's name ſufficient for any?*

Mat. vii. *Anſw.* No, as ſaid Chriſt himſelf; "Not every one that ſaith Lord, Lord, ſhall enter the kingdom, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Queſt. 72. *What ſaid the apoſtle of*

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*thoſe who make profeſſion of the truth, yet continue in unrighteouſneſs?*

*Anſw.* "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven againſt all unrighteouſneſs and ungodlineſs of men, who hold the truth in unrighteouſneſs." Rom. i.

Queſt. 73. *What ſaid the apoſtle Paul unto Felix the governor, in anſwer to the accuſation of the Jews againſt him?*

*Anſw.* "After the way which they call Hereſy, ſo worſhip I the God of my fathers, believing all things that are contained in the law and in the prophets. And herein do I exerciſe myſelf, to have a conſcience void of offence towards God and man." Acts xxiv.

Queſt. 74. *What ſaith the apoſtle concerning being led by the Spirit of God?*

*Anſw.* "If any man have not the Spirit of Chriſt, he is none of his. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the ſons of God." Romviii

Queſt. 75. *What doth he obſerve concerning the word of God?*

*Anſw.* "The word of God is quick and powerful, and ſharper than any two-edged ſword, piercing even to the dividing aſunder of ſoul and ſpirit, and is a diſcerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart; neither is there any creature that is not manifeſt in his ſight, but all things are naked and open unto Heb. iv.

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the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Queſt. 76. *Unto what did Paul recommend the brethren?*

Acts xx. *Anſw.* "Now brethren, I commend you unto God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance amongſt thoſe which are ſanctified."

Queſt. 77. *What ſaith the apoſtle to the Galatians, concerning the obſervations of days and times?*

Gal. iv. *Anſw.* "But now, after that ye have known God, why turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye deſire again to be in bondage. Ye obſerve days, and months, and times, and years; I am afraid of you, leſt I have beſtowed upon you labour in vain."

Queſt. 78. *What ſaith he concerning the love of money?*

1 Tim vi *Anſw.* "The love of money is the root of all evil, which whilſt ſome coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themſelves through with many ſorrows."

Queſt. 79. *What doth he recommend as preferable?*

*Anſw.* Godlineſs with contentment; which is great gain.

Queſt. 80. *What advice doth he give unto thoſe that are rich?*

*Anſw.*

*Anſw.* "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor truſt in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy: that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to diſtribute, willing to communicate, laying up in ſtore a good foundation, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

Queſt. 81. *What will become of the ſouls of men and women after death?*

*Anſw.* They muſt appear before the judgment-ſeat of Chriſt, there to receive according to the deeds done in the body, whether they have been good or evil. Rom xiv

Queſt. 82. *What will Chriſt ſay unto the righteous?*

*Anſw.* "Come ye bleſſed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Mat xxv

Queſt. 83. *What will be the ſentence of the wicked?*

*Anſw.* "Depart-ye curſed into everlaſting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

Queſt. 84. *How doth the apoſtle John deſcribe the praiſes of the redeemed, as he beheld them in the heavenly viſion?*

*Anſw.* "And I beheld, and lo a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and Rev. vii

people, and tongues, ſtood before the throne, clothed with white robes, ſaying, "Bleſſing and glory, wiſdom and thankſgiving, and honour and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever."

"Worthy art thou, O Lord, to re-
Rev. iv. ceive glory, and honour, and power, for thou haſt created all things, and for thy pleaſure they are and were created."

"Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, juſt and
Rev. xv. true are thy ways, thou King of ſaints."

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